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Sch. Flirt, 75,000 fresh fish.
 Sch. Hope, 55,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 100,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Frances V. Silva, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Manhasset, 45,000 haddock, 65,000 cod.
 Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 30,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Margaret S. McKenzie, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Arbitrator, 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
 Sch. Minerva, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Manomet, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
 Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 3000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
 Sch. Gov. Russell, 60,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
 Sch. Robert and Arthur, 75,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
 Sch. Illinois, 65,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Muriel, 70,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
 Sch. Dictator, 30,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.
 Haddock, \$1.10 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$4.50; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Blanche, which took out her frozen cargo at New York, arrived home here yesterday with a load of coal for T. E. Reed.

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THE EARLY SEINERS.

Many of the Fleet Now Beginning to Fit Out.

TWO HAVE ALREADY SAILED.

The "Early Birds" Will Number Probably About 50 Sail.

With the departure of two of the southern fleet and the fitting of at least ten more, be side having in mind the 15 or so that will begin to fit away next week, it is fair to say that the mackerel fishing season of 1908 has opened.

As a whole, the fleet will be away for the southern grounds as early if not a little earlier than last year, the reports of fine weather and knowledge of early "darks" inducing many to start before April comes in.

At present appearances what is known as the "early" fleet will number about 50 sail, which is fully as many if not a few more than the fleet which got away early last year.

Of course, from day to day, after the early ones, there will be seiners going, so that before the fleet gets up off Newport it will no doubt number 70 sail or over.

The crafts, as far as known, which will comprise the early fleet, are as follows:

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier.
 Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean.
 Sch. Madonna, Capt. Charles Stewart.
 Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs.
 Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall.
 Sch. Fame, Capt. Augustus G. Hall.
 Sch. Metamora, Capt. M. I. McKown.
 Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine.
 Sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior.
 Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, Capt. John McKinnon.
 Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert.
 Sch. George Parker, Capt. Joseph E. Graham.
 Sch. Patrician, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer.
 Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean.
 Sch. Grayling, Capt. Joseph Smith.
 Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles H. Marty.
 Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron.
 Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Webber.
 Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Charles Maguire.
 Sch. Avalon, Capt. Christopher Carrigan.
 Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benj. Lumsden.
 Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. John Barlow.
 Sch. Squanto, Capt. John S. Seavey.
 Sch. Juno, Capt. Ambrose Fleet.
 Sch. Shenandoah, Capt. James C. Gannon.

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Sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis.
 Sch. Arthur Binney, Capt. Rufus McKay.
 Sch. Annie Greenlaw, Capt. George G. Iamora.
 Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman Ross.
 Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. John Grady.
 Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland.
 Sch. Aloah, Capt. John McInnis.
 Sch. Norma, Capt. Benj. McGray.
 Sch. Corona, Capt. Jerry Cook.
 Sch. Saladin, Capt. Benj. A. Spurling.
 Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons.
 Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch.
 Sch. Corsair, Capt. Lemuel Firth.
 Sch. Colonial, Capt. Lewis Carritt.
 Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Fred Carritt.
 Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Samuel J. Somers.
 Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum.

Sch. Dauntless, Capt. John Matheson.
 Sch. Arabia, Capt. Gourley Anderson.
 Sch. ———, Capt. Cahoon.
 Sch. Alert, Capt. Almon D. Malloch.
 Of these schs. Monarch and A. M. Nicholson have sailed.

The Boston vessels in the fleet are schs. Arthur Binney, Nellie Dixon, Metamora, Shenandoah, Alert, Elizabeth Silsbee, Fame, Squanto, Juno and the one which Capt. Cahoon will command.

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AFTER THE MACKEREL.

Sch. Monarch First of Seining Fleet To Sail South.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson Will Sail Tonight or Tomorrow.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, now a gasoline auxiliary vessel, equipped with a 10-horse power Standard gasoline engine, is the first of the southern seining fleet to get away, she leaving Capt. John Ohlholm's wharf shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. A large number assembled on the wharf to see her sail and bid good luck to Capt. Vautier and his crew.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, will be the next of the fleet to sail and she will go either tonight or tomorrow morning.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, will follow soon after.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Emma F. Chase, Jonesport, Me., smoked herring and cured fish.
 Sch. Illinois, via Boston, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.
 Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2 to \$3 per hundred weight.
 Splitting prices, large fresh cod, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Lucy B. Winsor, 500 haddock, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Rebecca, 11,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Valentina, 10,000 cod.
 Sch. Lillian, 1500 haddock, 9500 cod.
 Sch. Nokomis, 3000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
 Sch. Yankee, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Motor, 2000 haddock, 8000 cod.
 Sch. Seaconnet, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 50,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.
 Sch. John M. Keen, 200 haddock, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake, 4000 cusk.
 Sch. Lafayette, 4000 haddock.
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Pontiac, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Philip P. Mania, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.
 Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
 Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$5; cusk, \$2.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Frank H. Hall is fitting sch. Ralph L. Hall for south seining.
 Capt. John A. McKinnon is fitting sch. Elizabeth Silsbee for south seining.
 Capt. William Bissert is fitting sch. Electric Flash for south seining.
 Sch. Grayling is being fitted for south seining under command of Capt. Joseph Smith.
 Capt. Joseph E. Graham is fitting sch. George Parker for south seining.
 Capt. Rufus McKay is fitting sch. Arthur Binney for south seining.

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ANOTHER GASOLINER.

Contract Signed for One To Replace Sch. Buema.

A contract was given yesterday for a new knockabout, which will be commanded by Capt. Herbert Nickerson, formerly of sch. Buema. The new vessel will have auxiliary engines of high power and will be ready to go into commission by the fall.

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PACIFIC COD NOTES.

Items of Western Fisheries of Interest Here Just Now.

Old Gloucester Skipper To Sail for Robinson Fisheries Co.

The following items relative to the Pacific salt cod fisheries are from the Pacific Fisherman, and at this time will be of much interest there:

Vessels of the Robinson Fisheries Co., of Anacortes, Wash., will be entirely outfitted this year from the home port. Mr. Robinson who is a native of Gloucester, is intensely loyal to Anacortes and intends to give local merchants the benefit of his trade. He states that in wharfage, coal and general supplies he can operate more economically than by purchasing in Seattle.

Capt. John McInnis, who took sch. Carrier Dove, formerly of Gloucester, out last year, will this season be in charge of sch. Alice for the Robinson Fisheries Co. of Anacortes. Capt. McInnis was for 18 years skipper in the Grand Bank fleet on the Atlantic out of Gloucester. Ole Lund will this year be head salter on the schooner Joseph Russ and Dick Bond on the schooner Alice.

A. Greenbaum, president of the Alaska Codfish Co. of San Francisco, recently returned from a business trip to Seattle. He reports that his company has purchased the schooner John D. Spreckels, and Captain Mattheson of Anacortes, Wash., who is in the codfishing business on Puget Sound, has purchased the brig Harriet G. This company and other parties have also purchased the codfish drying yard formerly owned by Edward Pond at Hunter's Point, San Francisco. The purchase of his property and the remaining vessels of Edward Pond's fleet finally eliminates the Pond family from the codfishing industry.

The barkentine City of Papette will be fitted out for the Behring sea codfishing within the next two weeks. The labor situation is favorable. Wages are not yet fixed, but the market is well supplied with fishermen and other classes of skilled labor for codfishing.

Prices have broken sharply in Behring sea codfish. This is largely due to inability to move the goods resultant on the adverse ruling of the Federal authorities as to the use of borax as a preservative in shipping the goods. There is also sharp competition prevailing, due to a curtailment in demand, which, it is hoped, the Lenten season will materially improve.

A large Puget Sound producer is closely investigating the fibred codfish proposition with a view to engaging in the business.

The prominent shipbuilding and codfishing firm of King & Winge, of Seattle, have recently incorporated with a paid-up capital of \$35,000.

Mr. W. F. Robinson, of the Robinson Fisheries Co. of Anacortes, reports that strong representations as to the disastrous effect of the ruling out of borax as a preservative for cured codfish have been made to Washington, D. C., by Senator Piles. Similar pressure is being exerted by the Massachusetts representatives and it is earnestly trusted that the arbitrary stand of the government will be vacated on presentation of the real facts as to the non-deleterious effect of the chemical for the purpose spoken of.

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Of the San Francisco codfish fleet, the Alaska Codfish Co. have schs. W. H. Diamond and Hunter and the Union Fish Co. have the Czarina and Martha. The Pacific States Trading Co. has the sch. John F. Miller and will send the Ida McKay. Most of these vessels sailed last November and December and the Martha has been gone since last April. The W. H. Diamond is expected about April 1 with part of the winter catch of the Alaska stations.

J. A. Mason, of Wrangel, Alaska, has recently been east, where he says he was successful in financing the Alaska Fish and Cold Storage Co. The officers are J. A. Mason, president and manager; John R. Nagle, vice president; C. A. Baldwin, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Nagle is a well-known Boston fish dealer, who will be a distributing agent for the product. F. J. O'Hara, of Boston, will also handle shipments. The capitalization is \$250,000. Mr. Baldwin is connected with the Massachusetts Loan & Guarantee Co.

Mr. Mason says a cold storage plant will be erected at Wrangel Narrows, and two refrigerating compressors have been secured. He has been negotiating with the Seattle Fish & Cold Storage Co. for the steamer Francis Cutting. The company proposes to engage extensively in the fresh fish business, especially halibut.

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SECOND SEINER OFF.

Sch. Arthur Binney Sails and Sch. A. M. Nicholson Will Probably Go Today.

Sch. Arthur Binney of Boston, Capt. Rufus McKay, sailed from this port this forenoon, bound south mackerel seining, being the second of the fleet to get away. Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, is expected to sail this afternoon.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Quero Bank, 9000 lbs. halibut, 4000 lbs. salt cod.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2 to \$3 per hundred weight.

Splitting prices, large fresh cod, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Rose Standish, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Motor, 7000 cod.
Sch. Albert Geiger, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Flavilla, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 12,000 haddock.
Sch. Edith Silveria, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Nettle, 3200 cod.
Sch. Speculator, 65,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.
Sch. Georgianna.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Olive P. Hutchins, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake, 2500 cusk.
Sch. Richard, 80,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 600 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 30,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 100,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$3; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$5; cusk, \$1.75.

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SHOWS ITS VALUE.

New Schooner Came Through the Dredged Annisquam River.

Brought Down from Essex Under Gasoline Auxiliary Power.

The value of the dredging of Annisquam river was shown on Tuesday, when a new vessel launched that day at Essex, instead of being obliged to go out around Cape Ann to come to this port, took advantage of the high tide and came up by Annisquam and through the river and canal, out into Gloucester harbor.

The trip was made without mishap and the craft did not touch bottom or bank in coming up the river or through the canal.

The craft, which was built by A. D. Story of Essex for New York parties, will engage in blue fishing and has been named Libbie. She is equipped with a gasoline engine, which was installed and put in running order before she left Essex.

She will be remembered as the first new vessel to take advantage of the dredged river. She will be rigged and fitted for sea at this port, by E. L. Rowe & Son.

FROM OVER EXPANSION.

Western Halibut Fishery Is Suffering Says a Trade Journal.

The Pacific Fisherman, an authority on west coast fish matters, says:

"The halibut industry is now suffering from the over-expansion that has been going on during the last year or two. The result is a much heavier production at this time than the markets of the country can absorb, and in consequence everyone in the business has been losing money.

"Notwithstanding this condition, there are being formed quite a number of additional companies to engage in halibut fishing. The Pacific Fisherman likes to see every branch of the fishing industry on the coast develop, but we think it would be wise for new enterprises before engaging therein to thoroughly investigate the true conditions prevailing and ascertain the possibilities of being able to dispose of their output at a profit."

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WINTER'S BIGGEST FARE.

Sch. Romance Has 160,000 Pounds Fresh Fish at Boston.

Several Other Big Off Shore Trips Find a Dull Market.

Ten of the off shore haddock fleet are at Boston this morning and all with good fares, some having exceptionally big ones.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, has the biggest fare of the whole winter, 100,000 pounds of haddock and 60,000 pounds of cod, a remarkable catch for this season of the year.

Sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, is also there with another big catch, 60,000 pounds of haddock, and 75,000 pounds of codfish.

The other off shore craft have the following catches: Terra Nova, 71,000; Susan and Mary, 110,000; Winnifred, 70,000; Fame, 115,000; Mystery, 85,000; Jessie Costa, 104,000; Quonnapowit, 53,000 and Morning Star, 95,000.

All these craft have struck a dull market, for the dealers have a lot of fish on hand. There was no sale for off shore cod and a few off shore haddock were taken out at \$1 per cwt. It is probable that most of these fares will come here to split.

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Off for South.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, and sch. George Parker, Capt. Joseph E. Graham, sailed south seining today, being the second and third vessels of the fleet to get away.

Sch. Arthur Binney, which was supposed to have sailed yesterday, went to Boston to finish fitting and will sail for there in a few days.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Lucania, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2 to \$3 per hundred weight.

Splitting prices, large fresh cod, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 2000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Galatea, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Terra Nova, 55,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina, 1500 cod.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Susan and Mary, 70,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Romance, 100,000 haddock, 60,000 cod.
Sch. Winifred, 30,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Raymah, 60,000 haddock, 75,000 cod.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Angie B. Watson, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod 4000 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 800 pollock.
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, 4500 haddock, 1200 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod 2000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Morning Star, 50,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Viking, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Quonnapowit, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod, 40,000 hake, 6000 cusk.
Sch. Sabine, 1800 haddock, 700 cod.
Sch. Cherokee, 3600 cod.
Sch. Jesse Costa, 90,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2500 hake.
Sch. Mystery, 60,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Fame, 40,000 haddock, 75,000 cod.
Haddock, \$1 to \$2 per cwt.; shore large cod, \$2.50; shore market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$3; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, \$4.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Alert came down from Boston yesterday to fit for south seining.

March 20.

SALT CARGO ARRIVES.

Br. Steamer Ixia Brings 2500 Tons from Iviza, Spain.

The British steamer Ixia, Capt. John Rattray, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon from Iviza, Spain, with 2500 tons of salt, consigned to Fred Bradley. The steamer was at this port last September with a cargo of salt.

Capt. Rattray reports a passage of 25 days, without special incident. Bad weather was encountered between 40 and 60 degrees west longitude, and heavy snow squalls met off the Newfoundland coast. Yesterday the steamer ran into a dense fog off this coast.

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NOVA SCOTIA COD.

Sch. Pleroma Brings Cargo for Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

The sch. British Pleroma of Lunenburg, N. S., Capt. Teel, arrived at this port this morning from Halifax, N. S., with 120,000 pounds of salt cod, 75 crates of boneless cod and 15 boxes of boneless cod, for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the New England Fish Co. at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.